GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Import of Second Hand Clothes
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has suffered the huge loss of foreign exchange due to the import of second hand clothes from the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to ban the import of second hand clothing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): No Madam, textiles industry has not suffered huge loss of foreign exchange owing to import of used old clothes. The quantum of imports of worn clothing is not significant to have impact on the indigenous production. The import of worn clothing and other worn articles during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (April-Aug) (HSN CODE 63090000) is given below:-

(Qty in MN Kg.)
(Value in Rs. Lakh)

2014-15 2015-16 (April to August)

Qty Value Qty Value

294 7447 141(123) 3195 (3217)

Note: Figures in the bracket indicate the corresponding figure of the previous year.
Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

(c) & (d): Yes Madam, as per Notification No.43/2009-2014 dated 19.5.2010, the item worn clothing and other worn articles are restricted.

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